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## **OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

## Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Office Action dated June 25, 2002, indicated that claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 12-16 stand rejected under §102(e) as being anticipated by *Graf et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,349,300); and claims 3, 4, 10 and 11 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Graf* in view of *Kagami et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,974,400).